



# SALTFORD TENNIS CLUB

- **Start point**
  - Courts not resurfaced by BANES as required by lease
  - Dilapidated and small Clubhouse, poor fencing, floodlights costly
  - Lease with only a few years to run, threat of major rent increase
- **First Steps** – Discussion with BANES Senior Officers
  - Their objectives – remove their financial liability, support for their community objectives
  - Our objectives – future in our control, ability to obtain grants, finance and build new facilities
- **Agreed way forward - Community Asset Transfer**
  - New 99-year lease – more land for Clubhouse, enabled grant applications (but long/difficult negotiations)
  - BANES resurface courts 2017 – after that our responsibility - peppercorn rent – sinking fund
  - Partnership Agreement & Business Plan – to become a “Community” Club
- **Next Steps – Raise Finance – almost all by grants**
  - Enover Trust, Medlock Trust, Parish Council, BANES CIL Fund grants – all based on us demonstrating being a Community Club, not just members playing tennis
  - Covid Grants
  - Sport England
  - Avon Tennis Loan (now paid off)
- **Build Projects**
  - Used local architect, local contractors
  - Members ran the projects and provided legal support
  - Clubhouse with disabled access, Fencing, LTA Access Gate, LED Floodlights, Water Supply, Bike Stands
- **What have we done as a Community Club? Who have we focussed on?**
  - Children and Young People
  - Special Needs Groups
  - Social contact for older people
  - Support wider community
  - Opportunities for Volunteers
  - Reduce car journeys
  - Equality, Accessibility and Diversity
  - Relationship with Neighbours



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